

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: Bullock's Oriole *Icterus bullock*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1
3. Parish: St. Tammany
Specific Locality: Tall Timbers subdivision, Mandeville, LA
4. Date(s) when observed: 10/28/2014
5. Time(s) of day when observed: approx. 10:30 a.m.
6. Reporting observer and address: Claire Thomas, 19170 Antenor St., Mandeville, LA 70471
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): none
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sunny, clear, bird in direct sun out in the open.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Opticron 10 x 50, good condition.
11. Distance to bird(s): Bird was flying overhead approx. 80 ft.
12. Duration of observation: several minutes. approx. 2 to 3

13. Habitat: It was flying over a small lake with mud flats and rock banks. About 1/3 of the bank was medium sized rocks the lined the bank from waters edge to top of bank. It seems to have flown up from this area.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird flew across my field of view into an oak tree and landed on the top. I thought it was a Baltimore so I took a couple photos of it just because it was in such good light and in a great position in the tree. After getting home and looking at the photos I wasn't so sure it was a Baltimore.

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, *not what "should" have been seen*; include if possible: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species; body bulk, shape, proportions; bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*): Yellow Oriole with almost completely yellow head and chest. It's back was grey as was it's rump. Belly grey/white. Dark patch on it's cheek. Bill pointed.

16. Voice: none

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Baltimore Oriole's head is not all yellow and lacks the darker patch on cheek.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos taken by Claire Thomas

19. Previous experience with this species: none

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): Sibley field guide to eastern birds, NG field guide to the birds of North America, iBird Pro app., Van Remsen

a. at time of observation: Sibley Guide to Eastern Birds, iBird Pro app.

b. after observation: Same as above

21. This description is written from:

notes made during the observation. Are notes attached?

notes made after the observation. At what date?

memory X

study of images X

22. Are you positive of your identification? Yes If not, explain:

23. Date: 11/28/2014

Time: 2:47 pm





